

REMARKS:

I. Introduction

In the Office Action mailed on January 24, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1 to 20. The present amendment cancels no claims, amends claims 6 and 15, and adds no new claims. Accordingly, claims 1 to 20 remain pending in this application.

II Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claims 6 and 15 because the term "venture vacuum pump" is used instead of "venturi vacuum pump." Claims 6 and 15 have been amended to correct the items cited by the Examiner. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is requested.

The Examiner also indicated that "should claim 2 be found allowable, claim 11 will be objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate thereof." Applicant notes that independent claim 11 does not include all of the limitations of claim 2 which depends from claim 1 and thus is not substantially the same. The Examiner also indicated that "should claim 3 be found allowable, claim 12 will be objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate thereof." Applicant notes that claim 12 which depends from independent claim 11 does not include all of the limitations of claim 3 which depends from claim 2 and independent claim 1. The Examiner further indicated that "should claim 4 be found allowable, claim 13 will be objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate thereof." Applicant notes that claim 13 which depends from independent claim 11 does not include all of the limitations of claim 4 which depends from claim 2 and independent claim 1.

III. Claim Rejections Based on 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 1 to 20 under 35. U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Garcia (US 6,018,614) in view of Westerman (US 6,270,603) and Rohrberg (US 5,837,968).

Independent claims 1 and 20, and claims dependent therefrom, are allowable because they each include the limitation of "a touch-screen video display mounted within the carrying case and operably connected to the controller to display information from the controller and to input information to the controller." Independent claim 11, and claims dependent therefrom, are allowable because they each include the limitation of "a video display mounted within the carrying case." No prior art of record reasonably discloses or suggests the present invention as defined by independent claims 1, 11, and 20. The Examiner stated that Garcia discloses "a display format mounted (see Figure 2) within the carrying case and operably connected to the controller to display information from the controller and to input information to the controller." It is unclear to Applicant as to what specific structure in Figure 2 the Examiner is referring to as the "display format." Figure 2 of the '614 patent shows a pair of receptacles or electrical sockets 18, 20, a pair of air hose ports 22, 24, a storage compartment 30, a temperature controller which is unnumbered, a plurality of separate meters and gages which are unnumbered, and a plurality of button or switches which are also unnumbered. Garcia clearly does not disclose a video display of any kind within a carrying case. Westerman nor Rohrberg correct the deficiencies of Garcia. Note that Westerman does not disclose a video display or a carrying case. Note that Rohrberg discloses an unrelated welding power supply having a video display that does not have a carrying case of any kind. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

IV. CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is found that that the present amendment does not place the application in a condition for allowance, applicant's undersigned attorney requests that the examiner initiate a telephone interview to expedite prosecution of the application.

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